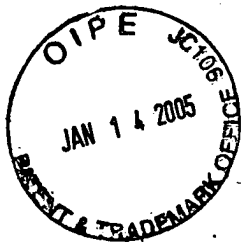


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Filed: November 30, 2001  
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Materials And Methods For Making And Using Same  
Inventors: Yan, et al.  
Attorney Docket No.: 967039.00001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Transmittal Letter
2. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121); and
6. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

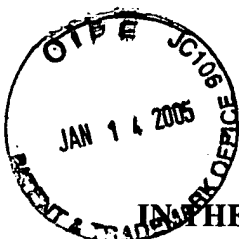
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on January 6, 2005, applicants submit the following Amendment to replace the previously submitted Amendment.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0662.

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